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Ables et al.

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Dear Madam:

This paper responds to the non-final Office Action in the above-entitled application, mailed July 3, 2002, and allowing three months for a response.

The Applicants will address all the points raised by the Examiner and demonstrate that the present invention is patentable.

REMARKS

Claims 17, 18, 22-31 are pending in the above application.

Claims 17, 18, 22-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Charter et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,117,067). The Examiner first notes in making this